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## Another Surprise From The President

President Johnson has plugged up the news leaks by which high-level appointments in the past often came into the realm of public knowledge before the chief was ready to make them official. He likes to spring his selections on the public as surprises, to give them the maximum impact.

A case in point was the designation this week of retired Vice-Admiral William F. Raborn Jr. to succeed John A. McCone as director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Just about everybody except the personable Texan had been mentioned for the job.

He served valiantly in World War II in Naval aviation and did an outstanding job ten years or so ago as head of the Special Projects Agency that produced the Polaris

missile. The Admiral has in the past gotten along very well with Congress, which should make Senate approval of the appointment easy to obtain and—more important—smooth the way for future relations between the CIA and the legislator.

Admiral Raborn's experience in intelligence work seems to have been limited to his part in keeping the security lid on the Polaris project. However, Richard M. Helms, moved up one step to be deputy director, will be available with his considerable knowledge and experience to help the new chief over the rough spots. Administrative competence and the right kind of personality may turn out to be better assets than narrow specialization in this case.